

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 56
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A RESOLUTION to commend Dr. Gene Crockett for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as Pastor and founder of The Christ Ministries of Memphis.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are especially pleased to recognize those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm over the years to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such dedicated pastor is Dr. Gene Crockett, who has directed the mission at The Christ Ministries of Memphis; in that role, he has provided guidance and spiritual inspiration to his fellow man through his whole-hearted and dedicated leadership in church and community affairs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Crockett, a native Memphian, has been a powerful and positive influence in the greater Memphis community and has earned justly deserved respect for his many years of service to The Christ Ministries and to his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to direct involvement in his community, Dr. Crockett established The Christ Center Ministries. Inc., located in inner-city Memphis at 3528 Sharpe Avenue, where the practices and principles of Jesus Christ are at work; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Center Ministries has provided many sorely needed community outreach programs through the years, including G.E.D. training, tutoring and mentoring programs, parenting seminars, Drug and Alcohol intervention and prevention, food collection and distribution, as well as AIDS and HIV testing and education at community health fairs; and

WHEREAS, The Christ Center Ministries also provides as a safe haven for our young people by keeping children in a safe and loving environment in their after-school program and in

the athletic programs aimed at fostering a sense of brotherly love, cooperation, and Christian fellowship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Ministry, Dr. Crockett established the Word of Faith Christian Academy, which provides care, education, and spiritual nourishment for children from infancy to high school; the warm and secure atmosphere allows for children to excel academically, artistically, athletically, and to become culturally and spiritually strong; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his duties as pastor at The Christ Ministries, Dr. Gene Crockett also served honorably for more than twenty years in the United States Air Force; he continues to dutifully serve his fellow countrymen by volunteering at the Veterans Hospital and visiting with those in their time of extreme need; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gene Crockett has continued to demonstrate his love for God and country by ministering in hundreds of churches throughout the United States and leading prayer mission tours across the globe; and

WHEREAS, during the last fifty years, Dr. Gene Crockett has rendered tireless and faithful service to the Lord, his ministry, and the people of Memphis and Shelby County; fulfilling his God-given mission by sharing and living according to spiritual principles, his labors in the Vineyards of the Lord have borne much fruit and are therefore worthy of celebration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join with the communities of Memphis and the State of Tennessee, as well as members of The Christ Ministry in honoring the fifty years of dedicated and dynamic ministry of their Pastor, Dr. Gene Crockett.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we thank Dr. Gene Crockett and his spiritual family for their many years of service to their church, community, and state and offer our best wishes for many more happy and productive years in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.